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### COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

## Councilor wants CPA called to account

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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*Proposed ballot question would remove property tax surcharge*

One city councilor is looking for the townspeople to weigh in on the current state of the Community Preservation Act.

City Councilor George Bitzas sent out a memorandum to the mayor's office and to his fellow

councilors last week asking how to place a removal of the CPA on a future town ballot. Under the current law, a 1 percent surcharge on Agawam property taxes is deposited in an account separate from the town's operating budget, to be used only on open space, rec-

reation, housing or historical preservation projects. In addition to local tax receipts, the fund also receives payments from the state government.

He said his motivation in seeking to end the program comes from conversations with resi-

dents in his travels in town.

"I have had people come up to me and ask me why we still have it," said Bitzas. "Many of them are on fixed incomes and it is an extra tax for them."

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confers with mayor on  
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## SCHOOL prep



Cheryll O'Connor was already busy in her classroom at Phelps School on Friday, putting out name tags so her first graders will know where to sit when they arrive next Tuesday. More on the upcoming school year in the School Department's special Back to School section in this week's newspaper. More back-to-school photos, page 26. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

### FROM THE PUBLISHER

## Free in all homes again this week

Dear Reader:

We are pleased to mail the Agawam Advertiser News to every resident for free this week, including the annual "Back to School" section from the Agawam School Department. On page 27 is a coupon you can mail to our circulation department, or a phone number you can call, to either extend your current subscription or begin a new one. We thank all our subscribers and advertisers for making it possible to deliver journalism and a community forum to the people of Agawam and Feeding Hills.

To those who are picking up the newspaper for the first time in a while, we hope you like what you're seeing during this two-week free trial. As always, we welcome your suggestions on how we can better serve our town. Thank you for welcoming us into your home again this week. We look forward to our next visit!

Sincerely,  
Patrick Turley  
Publisher, Turley Publications

### GETTING THERE

## Clearing the way for young walkers

*School children count on crossing guards at busy intersections*

By Mike Lydick  
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"We just want to keep kids safe," said Mary-Jo Santucci, who has made that her job for nearly 20 years as an Agawam school crossing guard.

When kids head back to school next week, Santucci and six other adult crossing guards — Julie Beauvais, Angela Bonavita, Rita Clark, Linda Jensen, Joyce Martin and Carol Orr — will assist students who walk or ride bikes to school to safely cross busy intersections.

Stationed at key intersections near the four elementary schools, the middle school and the junior high school, they protect students crossing streets. Their presence also discourages unsafe behavior by kids, such as darting into traffic without looking, or crossing against a traffic signal.

Equipped with fluorescent yellow vests and lighted red STOP paddles, they enter streets and are the last to exit. They keep students safe during a four-second crossing of some of Agawam's busiest roads every morning and afternoon.

Helen Marganti, the School Department's transportation liai-

son, oversees the crossing guards, including three substitutes. She said crossing guards must be reliable, responsible, and enjoy being around children.

"They also must understand the importance of their job," Mar-

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Equipped with nothing more than a fluorescent vest and a red paddle, crossing guard Carol Orr stands in the middle of Springfield Street to help a junior high school student cross safely on his way home from school last June. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK



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## On the path



Workers were busy last week laying asphalt for the new multi-use path along Mill Street in front of Agawam High School. When complete, the walking and biking path, wider than a normal sidewalk, is intended to reduce the number of teens who cross Mill Street and walk in the school driveway. It will run from the Line Street intersection to the front door of the school. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

## Cultural Council welcomes new members

The Agawam Cultural Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public.

A great opportunity exists with the Agawam Cultural Council for anyone with an interest in providing diverse cultural events for the town. This all-volunteer organization, appointed by the mayor and funded, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, is looking for new members.

The Agawam Cultural Council is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

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## Relay's new leader wants more community involvement

By Mike Lydick  
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When her father was battling cancer several years ago, Andrea Polley felt helpless. She couldn't take away his pain, but she let him know he wasn't alone as he struggled with the disease that claimed his life two years ago.

Polley said her father always had a smile on his face and joke or story to tell throughout his illness.

"He often told me he wanted to speak to other cancer patients about not giving up," she said. "He wanted to hear their stories and tell them to keep smiling."

Her father's words are Polley's inspiration as the Feeding Hills resident steps into her role this month as the new event leader for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Agawam.

She's now on a mission of fulfilling her father's wishes by being the one to hear the stories of cancer survivors and caregivers, and encouraging them not to give up.

"I want to remind them to keep smiling and let them know they're not alone in their battle against cancer," she said.

Polley, who has been involved with Relay events for 15 years, is holding an informational night on Thursday, Sept. 8, so more people in the community can learn about the Relay. An informal event, it will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Fitness First Health Club, 60 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

"It's an opportunity for people to learn more about Relay and how to get involved — either by forming a team or joining the volunteer committee that plans the Relay," said Polley.

The signature event for the cancer society, the first Relay was held in Washington state in 1985. During the Relay, participants gather in a large outdoor space for several hours, usually all night into the next

day, while they take turns walking, usually around a track.

Relay for Life of Agawam is one of more than 5,000 Relay events held in communities around the country. The Relay in Agawam has raised nearly \$300,000 to help fund cancer research since it began in 2012. The 2017 Relay will be held Friday and Saturday, May 19-20, at School Street Park.

### Get thinking

"Having an informational night early in Relay season will help get people thinking about how they'd like to be involved with Relay before the holidays this fall and winter," said Polley, a Southwick native who has lived in Feeding Hills with her husband and two children for 12 years. "I want people to have more conversations with their families prior to our formal kickoff early next year."



Andrea Polley

Polley said she also hopes some people who attend the informational night will volunteer for the Event Leadership Team responsible for planning the annual Relay.

"A lot of planning goes into Relay prior to the kickoff, so I'm looking for community members, especially team captains, to share their ideas," said Polley, an elementary teacher at Robinson Park School and a local Girl Scout leader.

She said she wants to build on the work of Janine Iacolo, who helped organize and start the Relay in Agawam and who served as event leader for the past five years, as well as leadership team members who made the Relay a successful community event.

Polley's first experience with Relay for Life took place in Georgia in 2001, five years after her grandfather died from cancer.

"When I learned that the school where I was then working at had a Relay team, I knew I had to get involved in the fight against cancer," she recalled.



Andrea Polley is the new leader of the volunteer committee that plans the Relay for Life in Agawam. She is shown with her brother, Patrick LeBeau — a cancer survivor — at last spring's Relay. SUBMITTED PHOTO

In addition to losing her grandfather and father to cancer, Polley's brother has also had cancer. Although he's currently cancer-free, he's been treated twice for a soft tissue cancer known as sarcoma.

"When someone you care about gets cancer, you feel helpless. You want to take their pain away and be strong for them," said Polley.

Fighting back against cancer is personal for Polley, just as it is for almost all who come to Relay. "Everyone who attends Relay has been touched by cancer in some way. It's a place where you don't have to feel alone," she said. "People come together to celebrate battles won, remember battles lost, and fight back."

To learn more about the informational night, visit the Relay for Life of Agawam's Facebook page or contact Polley at andimpolley@gmail.com.

## 2nd hearing on bridge work next week

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The state Department of Transportation will hold a second public hearing next week on the proposed replacement of the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge.

The hearing is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at the West Springfield Town Hall Auditorium, 26 Center St., West Springfield. State officials will discuss work proposed for the bridge that carries Route 147 over the Westfield River, connecting Agawam with Memorial Avenue in West Springfield. Under MassDOT plans, the roadway would be widened and made safer for both vehicles and pedestrians. The proposed reconstruction work would also include the nearby intersections of Memorial Avenue and River Street in West Springfield, and Springfield Street's intersections with Main and Suffield streets, and Walnut Street, in Agawam. The project may involve land takings, and MassDOT's policy on land takings will be discussed at the hearing.

The estimated \$23.17 million project is currently slated to begin construction next summer.

Plans will be on display one-half hour before the meeting begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. According to MassDOT, all views and comments made at the meeting will be considered as much as possible.

This hearing follows a previous public hearing in Agawam on Aug. 31, after the Agawam Advertiser News' deadline. All are invited to participate in the public hearings. Written statements may also be submitted, postmarked within 10 days after the hearings, to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Bridge Project Management, Project File No. 605384. Submissions will also be accepted at the meeting. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us.

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# Primary election next Thursday

Voters in Agawam will go to the polls next week to determine the party nominees for sheriff, state representative and several other races. The usual polling places in Agawam will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8.

### Democrats

The hottest race on next week's primary ballots is a three-way Democratic Party nomination contest for Hampden County Sheriff. Candidates in the race include Michael J. Albano of Longmeadow, Thomas Ashe of Springfield and Nick Cocchi of Ludlow. A fourth candidate, John F. "Jack" Griffin, is on the Democratic ballot but has dropped out of the race. The winner of the Sept. 8 vote will move on to the general election in November, against Republican and independent candidates.

Democrats next week will likely make the final decision on the governor's councilor to replace Albano. With no general election opponent in sight, the winner of the nomination fight between two East Longmeadow Democrats, Mary E. Hurley and Jeffrey S. Morneau, will determine Western Massachusetts' next representative on the eight-person board that confirms

judicial appointments.

Agawam's Democratic ballot has no candidate for state representative, but former state Rep. Rosemary Sandlin, D-Agawam, is running a write-in and sticker campaign for the nomination. If she gains enough votes, she will appear on ballots opposite the Republican incumbent in November.

Also on next week's ballot, political newcomer Jerome Parker-O'Grady, D-Southampton, is the only contender for the Democratic nomination for state senator in the district that includes Agawam. He will also face a Republican incumbent in November.

Incumbent U.S. Rep. Richard E. Neal, D-Springfield, is likewise unopposed on the primary ballot, and will face a Libertarian challenger in November.

### Republicans

There are no primary election contests on the GOP ballot as printed, though there will be at least one county-wide race on primary day.

John M. Comerford of Palmer is the only listed candidate for county sheriff, but Francis Barbaro of Wilbraham announced last month that he is mounting a write-in campaign for the Republican

nomination.

Agawam's two incumbent state legislators, Sen. Donald F. Humason Jr., R-Westfield, and Rep. Nicholas A. Boldyga, R-Southwick, are unopposed on the primary ballot.

There are no Republican candidates for congressman or governor's councilor.

### Other parties

Two other parties have achieved major status in Massachusetts and will have ballots available on primary day. Both the Green-Rainbow and United Independent parties' ballots will be blank, however, as neither party is running a candidate for any of the offices in the state primary.

Registered members of the Green-Rainbow Party or United Independent Party can only vote in their party's primary. Voters with the political designation "unenrolled" — commonly known as independent voters — can choose any party's ballot when they check in to their polling place on Sept. 8.

The winners of the primary election will join presidential candidates on the general election ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

## Where to vote

Polls in Agawam are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8. Each precinct votes in one of Agawam's schools.

Precinct 1: Robinson Park School, 65 Begley St.  
Precinct 2: Clifford M. Granger School, 31 S. Westfield St.  
Precinct 3: Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St.  
Precinct 4: Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main St.  
Precinct 5: Benjamin J. Phelps School, 689 Main St.  
Precincts 6 and 8: James Clark School, 65 Oxford St.  
Precinct 7: Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield St.

## Town to hold brief Sept. 11 ceremony

The town of Agawam will conduct a brief Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Agawam Fire Department Headquarters at 800 Main St. The ceremony will honor those who lost their lives in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Among those scheduled to speak at the ceremony will be Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois; the Rev. Bill Hamilton, Agawam Fire Department chaplain; the Rev. Tim Reed, executive pastor at Bethany Assembly of God; and Mayor Richard Cohen.



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# Opinion

OUR VIEW

## First lesson: Be safe, kids

The first test of the day for local students isn't the pop quiz in chemistry class. It's getting there in the first place. Fortunately, our children overwhelmingly pass the test, every day. As with all their academic endeavors, however, their full success depends on the help and example of the adults around them.

Part of that is the dedication and care of the bus drivers and crossing guards, two sets of unsung heroes that we've profiled in the last two weeks of the Agawam Advertiser News. Part of it is every other adult in town.

Parents need to make sure our youngsters know how to keep safe on the road — even if they're not driving yet, even if they're not walking to school, even if they're not taking the bus. At some time during the school year, every kid will end up walking or biking on a friend's street, even if they don't do it every day on the way to school.

The rest of us need to remember that with school back in session Sept. 8 — and already back in session in many of our neighboring communities — buses will be sticking out their stop signs and children are going to be out on the roads at different hours than we've been used to in the summer. We've got to keep an eye open and be ready to hit the brakes.

Living in suburban Western Massachusetts, most of us adults don't spend much time walking, bicycling or waiting for a bus to arrive at our curb. It takes a little effort to remember what it was like all those years ago — just like it takes a little effort to remember algebra and colonial history to help out with the homework.

Passing the safety test, like passing a midterm exam, requires knowledge and critical thinking.

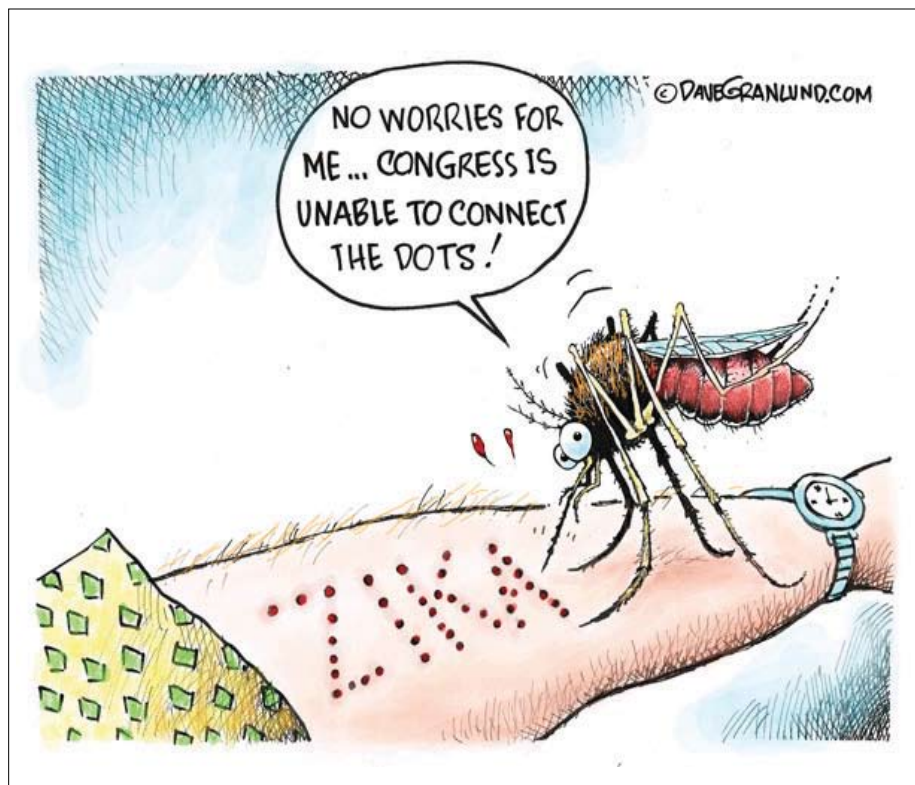
What they can do: Learn that road safety is serious, and they are not immortal. Learn the "rules of the road" for non-drivers, such as walking against the flow of traffic if there's no sidewalk; looking both ways before crossing; using hand signals and sharing the road when bicycling.

What we can do: Teach them the rules; just as importantly, don't always assume that they'll follow the rules. That means it's up to us, the drivers, to watch for children darting out between parked cars, even though they're not supposed to; or walking with their backs to traffic wearing dark clothes at dusk, even though they're not supposed to; or stepping off the curb at a bus stop because of some child's game that involves shoving or running around — even though they'd be the first to admit, if you sat them down calmly and asked them to consider it rationally, that they're not supposed to do that.

We were all in school, once, too, and road safety was never at the top of our to-do list — not as long as we had friends to share jokes, pranks, stories and gossip. Somehow we made it through all those pre-dawn waits at the bus stop, walks wearing a dark jacket and bicycle rides through traffic. Probably because the adults of our day were extra-patient and extra-alert around schoolchildren having fun.

Now it's our turn to pass the test — as the adults.

*What do you think? Email your letter to the editor to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com).*



## Letter to the Editor

### Lioness Club appreciates newspaper's support

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As we go forward, we hope you will continue supporting us in our ongoing activities and events.

**Adrianne M. LaBarre**, secretary  
Agawam Lioness Club

## JAY SPEAKS

### Agawam was a good fit

This time of year, the Agawam Advertiser News sends copies to every household in Agawam. This gives Kitty and me a chance to tell everyone of our readers how happy we are to have moved to Agawam a quarter of a century ago.

Our home in Springfield, with its nine rooms and large yard, was getting to be too much now that the children had left. The house was broken into and robbed. The final straw came with the deterioration of the neighborhood. Springfield was not the place for us to be living in.

After looking at a great number of options, we thought that a condominium might be a good fit for us. Agawam had a wide variety of condo communities and after checking out all the available units, we settled on Castle Hills. Agawam and Castle Hills revitalized our lives.

We've made a number of good friends here, played a lot of tennis and taken part in community cookouts. We are active there to this day.

Both of us were active in the past with politics. Somehow, living in Springfield and raising a family, we did not pursue politics. Then we moved across the river to Agawam, and became active again. Both of us love the give and take of the political life. Now, in 2016, we are still at it and loving it in Agawam.

While in politics, we joined a small group which eventually became "Go Green Agawam." It was our hope that we could help the community use less resources, recycle more, do more walking and cycling,

and overall make better use of our time. Eventually, because of our involvement, the mayor appointed us to the Energy Commission. Our job was to get Agawam to use 20 percent less energy and to help Agawam become a "Green Community" and be eligible for large monetary grants.

After moving to Agawam, Bob Kadis befriended us and invited us to join the Agawam Cultural Council. The ACC makes great entertainment available to all citizens at no cost. The ACC offers grants to people in Agawam who want to develop their passions in the arts, music, literature and sciences.

Once settled in our condo, I started writing again and the Agawam Advertiser News elected to use many of my articles. Now, all those years later, I am still writing and being published.

Quite happy that we made the move to Agawam. Everything is convenient. Shopping is close by. We have drugstores, banking, movies and restaurants within walking distance. Taxes are fair. The administration does a good job. Schools have an excellent reputation.

I am proud of the Agawam Advertiser News. Their coverage of the community is superb. Sports, meetings, community events ... the paper is spot on. I am proud to be affiliated with the newspaper.

Agawam fit us well. Let us keep it going.

*Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.*



Jay Berger

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FAITH MATTERS

# I am what I am, and so are you

*"There is no difference, for ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ." — Romans 8:22b-24a, NIV84*

Watching the Olympics recently reminded me I am not a superstar athlete. But even among the elite competitors of the world, some are faster, better and stronger than their peers.

Popeye the Sailor had it right when he recognized he was who he was. Sometimes people have a low self-esteem, while others think more highly of themselves than they should, creating an arrogance that is not pleasant to be around. Every human being is unique, but in one very important aspect, every human being who has ever drawn a breath since time began is exactly like every other person on the planet — we are all sinners who can never measure up to the holiness of God through our own good works. Thanks to Adam, Eve and the Devil, you are a sinner, and so am I.

You may feel offended being called a sinner, but answer this question for me: "Have you ever broken one of the Ten Commandments?" I have, and I am certain you can answer in the affirmative as well. It's OK to acknowledge you have broken God's law. As a matter of fact, it is one of the best things you can do. When a person recognizes the propensity to rebel against God innate within them, they

align themselves with God's word and are on the right track to experiencing the wonderful gift of redemption offered by a loving and merciful Heavenly Father.

You may say, "God will weigh out my good deeds and bad deeds to see how I lived on Earth. Hopefully I did enough good things to earn his favor and let me into heaven." Unfortunately, that is not how it works, according to Bible, and if you think about it, it is a horribly fearful way to live and on which to base your eternal destiny. Jesus himself said sin starts in our heart before the action ever takes place. God judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Believe me when I say our "bad deeds" will always outweigh our good deeds, no matter how "good" you think you have been in this life.

So what can a person do? If you read Romans 3:22-24 you will find God himself provides the only way to deal with the universal sin of humanity. Jesus was nailed to a cross, died and rose from the tomb. Sin's curse is death and Jesus bore the penalty for your sin and mine. You and I do not deserve to be saved, but because of God's amazing grace, he offers to us the gift of salvation through Jesus. You can never earn it by money or good deeds. It is only received by faith, because only faith matters when it comes to eternity.

*The Rev. Tim Reed is the executive pastor at Bethany Assembly of God on Main Street in Agawam.*



Rev. Tim Reed

## Gourd crafting course begins next Thursday at WCA

WESTFIELD — An Agawam instructor will lead a four-week course in gourd crafting scheduled to begin Thursday, Sept. 8, at 1 p.m. All classes will run for two hours at the Westfield Creative Arts Shoppe and Gallery in the Rinnova Building at 105 Elm St., Westfield.

The cost of this four-week course is \$80 per student. Three pre-paid and pre-registered are required to begin each course. There is a maximum of 10 students per class.

Ceil Rossi, a gourd art instructor from Agawam, will be teaching all classes. This year, students will create their own Asian-inspired decorative gourd.

Rossi has been president of the Southwest Gourd Association, a juried member of the Arizona Art Alliance and American Gourd Society, as well as the Thunderbird Artists and the Sonoran Art League. She is currently a member of the Agawam's Cultural Council, chairing the "Arts About Town" celebration for Agawam.

"Gourds have a form and skin that lends artists a canvas for painting, carving and wood-burning, much like working on wood and canvas at the same time," said Rossi. In this course, she will also be instructing students in her newest technique, which she refers to as an "egg-shell technique."

Registration forms can be downloaded at [www.westfieldcreativearts.com](http://www.westfieldcreativearts.com) and dropped off or mailed. Details on all WCA classes for adults can be found on the website. There are several new courses being made available this semester.

For more information, contact the WCA at 413-579-5967 or email [create@westfieldcreativearts.com](mailto:create@westfieldcreativearts.com).



Ceil Rossi, of Agawam, will teach a gourd crafting course beginning Sept. 8 at the Westfield Creative Arts Center. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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## Genealogy specialist to speak at Sept. 7 meeting

The Western Massachusetts Genealogy Society will meet Sept. 7 at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., from 6 to 8 p.m. This will be the first meeting of the 2016-17 year.

The speaker for September will be Seema Kenney. She has been working professionally since 2010, when she graduated from Boston University's genealogy research program. She is currently the secretary of the New England Regional Genealogical Conference, which will be held in Springfield in April, and is also the president of the Worcester Chapter of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists.

Kenney will be presenting the many crossroads one's research might take after finding a family in the census. The presentation will make connections between data from different census reports and data to look for in 27 other resources. The census provides locations, which lead to city directories. The ages and genders can lead researchers to military records. Every fact on the census hints at another resource.

Membership is \$25 per year and new members as well as old members are welcome. For more information, visit [westmagen.com](http://westmagen.com).

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# HAP opponents have 2 new petitions

*Tuckahoe Farm eyed as alternative site for affordable housing project*

By Michael J. Ballway  
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Opponents of the proposed HAP Housing development on Mill Street have formally organized and are collecting signatures on two new petitions — including one asking HAP to move its project to the western end of Feeding Hills.

In a petition to the town's Zoning Board of Appeals, the new group Save 586 Mill Street asks the board to deny the Springfield-based nonprofit's application to build a housing complex, which would include low-income housing units, on a former Mill Street farm.

The petition says the neighborhood can't handle a large development, and goes on to say that "the town of Agawam has contacted HAP and offered a viable alternative piece of property on an actual bus line in town ... an appropriate piece of land that can handle such a large complex and that is not located smack dab in the middle of all-residential streets with already unmanageable traffic from schools and churches." The petition identifies this land as the Tuckahoe Turf Farm, a 292-acre parcel between South Westfield and South West streets. The town's Department of Public Works uses Tuckahoe to store millings, dirt and waste brush, but there are no other plans for municipal use. The Route 57 expressway extension would cut across the property, if it were to be built as planned.

Kristin DiCioccio, one of the organizers of the group, said on Tuesday that she had been told by City Councilor James Cichetti that "the town" was offering a portion of Tuckahoe Turf to HAP in exchange for giving up the Mill Street property, a 12.5-acre former farm. She said Cichetti did not say who from the town had made the offer, and she has not been able to confirm it with HAP officials.

Mayor Richard Cohen said last week that nobody in his office made the offer.

"I've heard that rumor, also, but I have not discussed that with anybody," he said. "My understanding is that a councilor asked them outright, at a meeting, if they would be willing to sell [586 Mill St.] back to the town, and they said no."

Cohen noted that although the northern end of the Tuckahoe property is close to a bus line, that area of Feeding Hills lacks city sewers, which could make it difficult to build the scale of project — up to 70 apartments — that is thought to be planned for Mill Street. HAP has said it does not have concrete plans for its Agawam project yet.

At press time, the petition to the ZBA had 145 signatures online. A second petition urges the state's Housing Appeals Committee to deny any future application by HAP to build the project under Chapter 40B of state law, which allows developers of affordable housing units to sidestep local zoning laws and ZBA rulings. That petition has garnered more than 70 signatures.

Both petitions can be found at [www.change.org/o/save\\_586\\_mill\\_street](http://www.change.org/o/save_586_mill_street). DiCioccio said anyone is welcome to sign the petitions, but they are only available online.

In addition to circulating petitions, DiCioccio said the Save 586 Mill Street group also plans to attend City Council meetings, appeal to state agencies and distribute lawn signs to show public opposition to the HAP project.

DiCioccio emphasized that the group's objection is not to low-income housing or low-income people in Agawam. Their concern, she said, is specific to the Mill Street neighborhood, which has challenges with "traffic, walkability, lack of sidewalks, no bus routes or businesses on Mill Street, making future renters walk down residential all-homes streets with no crosswalks or sidewalks or lighting, [and] sewer problems weekly, backing into residents' basements, two on William Street alone that I know of."

Cohen said he will do what he can to answer citizens' questions and convey citizens' concerns to the town's representatives in the Statehouse.

"I'm going to continue to zealously advocate on behalf of the town and demand studies to determine the impact on town," Cohen said last week. "I'm going to remain in contact with our state delegation, as 40B greatly restricts the town's authority to control projects."

In addition to concerns about the proposed project's impact on the neighborhood, the ZBA petition also objects to HAP's selection system for housing applicants. HAP officials have said they would fill the units using a lottery, with no consideration given to Agawam residents; members of Save 586 Mill Street say this means that Agawam could be hosting a subsidized housing project that ends up accepting no applicants from in town.

## Mayor, CPA board near compromise to fund replacing Town Hall roof

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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Town officials appear closer to getting a new roof for Agawam Town Hall then they were last month, when the Community Preservation Act Committee turned down a proposal from Mayor Richard Cohen.

Cohen hopes to have the roof fully replaced, because it is falling into disrepair and has well outlived its life expectancy.

"That roof is 40 years old," said Cohen. "It has been maintained by the town and repairs have been done to it. But it now past its life expectancy and we need to replace it."

Cohen's request for \$101,000 was turned down by the CPA after questions arose about the procedure followed in making the application, which included a design.

"The CPA Committee felt that the application was not complete," said Jennifer Bonfiglio, the chief procurement office and the CPA administrator.

Under CPA guidelines, a design is required for projects like this, as well as approval needed to be sure the design fits historic standards. Agawam Town Hall is part of the Massachusetts Historic Register.

Following dissenting vote by the CPA, City Councilor George Bitzas, who called out the CPA Committee for turning down the application, met with Cohen, Bonfiglio, CPA Committee Chairman Henry Kozloski, and other town officials to discuss a solution.

Doug White, the head of building maintenance, has pursued getting a design completed for the roof project and will be submitting it with a new application to the CPA Committee.

"We were able to work this out and we will be bringing the application back to the CPA, and I think it will be approved," said Cohen.

Cohen said while the roof has outlived its life expectancy and there is some urgency to get it replaced, the need is not acute.

"We have had a few leaks in the past," said Cohen, "but they were repaired. We don't have any right now and we don't want to have any in the future."

Bitzas said he was unhappy with the CPA turning down the first proposal, saying there are plenty of funds in the CPA historic budget, with the roof only costing about \$100,000. Although the City Council ultimately decides whether to spend CPA money, any project has to be approved by the CPA Committee first.

"If the CPA Committee turns down a proposal, or does not recommend it, then it does not go to the City Council," said Bonfiglio. "Even if the City Council brings an application forward itself, it still must go through the CPA Committee before the funding can be approved."

The council does have the right to turn down any project recommended by the CPA Committee, and did earlier this year by choosing not to install lights on the varsity and junior varsity softball fields being built at Agawam High School.

The mayor and Bonfiglio did not say when a new application would be made to the CPA Committee for the roof, but Bonfiglio said it could be in for the September or October meetings.


"It depends on when the bids come in from the design Doug had done," said Bonfiglio.

The CPA Committee is next scheduled to meet at the end of the September.

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Giselle Rose-Burroughs, the instructor, is a former Berlitz languages instructor with extensive experience as an American English language coach. A native of Latin America, she is fluent in Spanish and conversational Portuguese. She is a bilingual communications and publicity consultant and owner of Saphir Communications International.

These classes are free and open to the public. For further information or to register, contact Judy Clini at the library at 413-789-1550, ext. 8855, or email [jclini@agawamlibrary.org](mailto:jclini@agawamlibrary.org).

# Public Safety

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 352 calls for service from Aug. 22 to Aug. 28. The department recorded one arrest in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

### Saturday, Aug. 27

Jonathan Vega, 27, of Granite Street, Methuen, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

## FIRE LOG

Fire logs were not received from the Agawam Fire Department this week. Last week's entries will be printed in a future edition of the Agawam Advertiser News.


# Vendors sought for St. John church fair Saturday, Oct. 15

St. John the Evangelist Guild is seeking crafters for its fifth annual Vendors Fair to be held Saturday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will be held at the St. John the Evangelist Parish Center at 833 Main St., Agawam. There is a fee of \$5 and a request that each vendor donate an item from their table for the guild raffle.

An eight-foot table will be provided courtesy of the church. There will be free coffee and donut holes for vendors in the morning and a light lunch will also be provided.

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# Youth

## Lego blocks, book clubs at library

The Agawam Public Library will host the following programs for kids beginning in September. To register, visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org) or go to the library at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

**Wednesday, Sept. 14:** 6 p.m., "Hooked on Books" for students in grades 3 and 4. Participants will discuss and do activities based on the book, "The Trouble with Chickens" by Doreen Cronin. The first 10 kids to register will receive a copy of the book to keep. Registration is required.

**Fridays, Sept. 23 and Oct. 21:** 4:30 p.m., "Block Party." Students in grades 1 through 4 will compete in engineering challenges using Lego blocks. Registration is required.

**Monday, Sept. 26:** 6 p.m., Sensory Storytime Open House. Parents are invited to come anytime between 6 and 7 p.m. to learn more about Sensory Storytime, see the room and learn what will happen before the program starts in October. There will also be social stories available to take home. Drop in. No registration is required.

**Wednesday, Sept. 28:** 6 p.m.: "Back to School Book Buddies" for students in kindergarten through grade 2. Kids will read "A Bad Case of Stripes" by David Shannon together and do activities based on the book. The first 10 kids to register get a free copy of the book to keep. Registration is required.

To see a full list of programs for kids through grade 4, visit [agawamlibrary.org/children](http://agawamlibrary.org/children). Follow the Children's Room on Facebook at [facebook.com/AgawamChildrensLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/AgawamChildrensLibrary) to stay up to date on all that is offered.

## Kindergarten socials planned for Tuesday

The Agawam Family and Community Program will host parent-student socials next Tuesday for incoming kindergartners in all four Agawam elementary schools.

Parents and guardians are invited to bring students for a fun story time and a chance to make some new friends. Each student will leave with a new book courtesy of the Agawam Family and Community Program. This event is offered free of charge to Agawam students entering kindergarten in September.

Kindergartners at Granger and Robinson Park schools are invited to the socials at 10 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Those entering Clark and Phelps schools are invited to attend at 11 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. All four social hours will be held at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Registration is not required.

For more information, visit [www.agawampublicschools.org](http://www.agawampublicschools.org) and click "Special Interests."



The Red Door Theatre's cast of "All the World's a Stage" pose for a group photo at the final sold-out performance. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## Bard's tale ends summer season

Red Door Theatre recently completed the last session of summer theater camp with a performance of "All the World's a Stage." The theater is now accepting applications for its fall camp, "Shivering Shorts," a collection of short Halloween-theme plays written and compiled by director Lyle Pearsons of Agawam. For more information or to apply online, visit [reddoortheatre.com](http://reddoortheatre.com). The theater is at 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills.



The characters in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" performed as a play within a play for "All the World's a Stage." The young thespians enjoy a laugh together as they close their weeklong camp.

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## Chorale boost



Agawam High School freshman Kaia Pfeffer wipes the side of an Agawam Fire Department vehicle during a car wash fundraiser for the AHS choir last Thursday. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



Rachel Dialessi, left, and Honesty Osbourne wash a Fire Department vehicle at the AHS chorus car wash, held Aug. 24 in the Doering School parking lot. Chorus teacher Sonja Funk said the fundraiser also served as a means for chorus members to get together socially and meet some of their newer members before the school year.



Some of the members of the AHS choir who washed cars to earn money for choir trips and other activities included, standing from left, freshman Karlie Germain, junior Juliana Amato, sophomore Rachel Dialessi, sophomore Brianna Santucci, sophomore Honesty Osbourne, freshman Amaya Donald and junior Noah Hirsche; and kneeling, from left, freshman Kaia Pfeffer and senior Courtney Kraas. Standing in front of Donald is her sister Alyssa, 9.




Alyssa Donald, whose older sister is a member of the AHS chorus, washes a car while chorus member Courtney Kraas looks on.

## Playgroup at church resumes Sept. 15

Playgroup is back at the Agawam Congregational Church beginning Thursday, Sept. 15. Playgroup is open to children through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and takes place at in the downstairs area of the church. The program, which follows the Agawam public school holiday calen-

dar, runs from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. If school is cancelled, playgroup is also cancelled.

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CROSSING ■ from page 1

ganti said, adding that the crossing guards are evaluated annually on reliability and how well they follow protocols and receive training from the Police Department's safety officer. He reviews safety issues and checks to ensure the stop paddles work properly and are up-to-date, said Marganti. Crossing guards also are trained on using EpiPens needed for students with severe allergies.

Challenging weather

Crossing guards work in nearly all types of weather — from bitter cold winter days to blazing hot late summer and spring afternoons — as well days when visibility is poor in the fog, pouring rain or even snow.

Winter months bring special challenges because of slippery roads and sidewalks, and mounds of snow piled high by snowplows at some intersections. Additionally, crossing guards may have to contend with traffic signals that stop working or malfunction, making intersections even more hazardous.

Marganti said crossing guards get support and assistance not only from the police, but also from the DPW and the town engineer to help alleviate or resolve some of these issues.

But crossing guards all agree that the biggest risk they endure every day is distracted or speeding motorists. Although Marganti said no Agawam crossing guards have been injured or killed while doing their job, in several other communities there have been injuries — some fatal.

“My life is at stake and so are the lives of the kids when we’re in the middle of the road,” said Bonavita, who is starting her second year as a crossing guard.

Employed by the School Department, not the Police Department — at an annual cost of about \$45,000 — crossing guards will often contact the police to follow up when motorists pose a danger to schoolchildren crossing the street.

“But it can be difficult to get the information because our attention is focused on watching the kids,” added Clark.

They keep one eye on the kids and the other on motorists.

“Some drivers are just oblivious to the lights and to us,” said Santucci, who’s had drivers curse and swear at her. “I wish drivers would act as if it were their kids crossing the street.”

“There are too many red-light runners, but because I’m alert at all times for students and myself, we’re all safe most of the time,” said Orr, a crossing guard for five years. She advises motorists to “drive with more awareness” of school areas and to follow the rules of the road at all times.

Beauvais added that sometimes she’s had to pull kids back on to the sidewalk as they’ve started to cross because a driver has ignored a red light.

“It can be scary when that happens,” she added. “Often, they go like hell trying to beat the light,” said Martin.

“Many of them are on their cellphones and they’re not paying attention. Others are late for something and are just in a rush,” said Clark, a crossing guard for more than two decades.



Heavy traffic and multiple lanes at the intersection of routes 57 and 187 in Feeding Hills requires two school crossing guards to help AJHS and Granger students. Mary-Jo Santucci, left, keeps traffic stopped on Southwick Street, while Carol Orr makes sure motorists stay put on Springfield Street. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

Younger children can have more difficulty judging the speed and distance of approaching vehicles, so the crossing guards are especially critical at intersections near the elementary schools.

“Our priority is the safety of the kids, not directing traffic. We just want to get them across the street safely,” said Jensen, who is also beginning her second year as a crossing guard.

At the intersection in the center of Feeding Hills, at Granger School and near the junior high school, the heavy volume of traffic and multiple lanes on routes 57 and 187 requires two crossing guards.

‘Awesome’ kids

Santucci said being a crossing guard is a good part-time job, but the best part is the kids.

“I love the kids. I like listening to them and consoling them on occasion. Most of them are just awesome,” she said.

Beauvais said the kids “brighten” her day: “I love seeing them in the morning — they’re usually funny and in a good mood. They’re happy to see me and I’m happy to see them.”

Martin said kids are respectful and appreciate what she does.

“I’ve gotten thank-you cards and gift cards on the last day of school from some of them,” she said.

Those connections and the bonds they form with kids help make up for the bad weather and bad drivers.

“The kids and their parents are counting on us every day — that’s what makes it more than just a job for us,” said Jensen.

On guard

Crossing guards work the same intersections every day, sometimes in pairs. This year’s crossing guard assignments are:

Agawam Junior High School

Springfield Street at school driveway: Carol Orr  
Southwick, Springfield and Westfield streets: Mary-Jo Santucci

Doering School

Suffield and Main streets (near Rocky’s): Rita Clark  
Reed and Main streets: Linda Jensen  
Walnut and Springfield streets: Joyce Martin  
Springfield Street at CVS: Angela Bonavita

Granger School

Southwick, Springfield and Westfield streets: Carol Orr (Pride station side), Mary-Jo Santucci (school side)

Robinson Park School

Maple and Begley streets: Mary-Jo Santucci  
Maple and Bridge streets: Joyce Martin  
Springfield Street at CVS: Rita Clark  
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# Family walks to remember Brent Schivley, aid FARE

Sept. 1 marks the 10-year anniversary of the untimely passing of Brenton Schivley due to complications from food allergies he had faced throughout his life. A junior at Agawam High School, he was the son of Caryl and Chuck Schivley, of Agawam.

In his memory, Brent's family will be walking to raise funds for the annual Food Allergy Research and Education Walk. FARE's mission is to improve the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to provide them hope through the promise of new treatments.

The walk will take place Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Sherwood Island State Park Pavilion in Westport, Conn. The fundraising goal of the Schivleys' team, "Remembering Brent," is \$5,000.

To register for the event or to donate, visit [www.foodallergywalk.org/connecticut2016/rememberingbrent](http://www.foodallergywalk.org/connecticut2016/rememberingbrent). Donations may also be mailed to Caryl Schivley, 43 Clematis Road, Agawam, MA 01001. Checks should be made payable to FARE.



The family of Brent Schivley, an Agawam High School junior who died 10 years ago due to complications from food allergies, will take part in the FARE Walk for Food Allergy, Saturday, Sept. 24, in Westport, Conn. SUBMITTED PHOTO

# Diabetes classes begin Sept. 13 at Bethany

Bethany Assembly of God is partnering with Faith Community Nursing to hold a six-week series on pre-diabetes awareness. Guests will include a medical doctor, a registered dietician and representatives from the YMCA, as well as a local food market.

These classes will define pre-diabetes as well as explain the risk factors, which lab tests need to be monitored and to will offer support l.

Classes begin the week of Sept. 13. Morning classes are each Tuesday at 11 a.m. and evening classes will be Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Agawam, in room 101.

Classes are free, but registration is required by calling Bethany at 413-789-2930 any time from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## CPA ■ from page 1

Bitzas said he was a proponent of the original CPA proposal almost 15 years ago, but believes it may be possible the CPA has run its course.

"We have been able to get many projects completed," said Bitzas. "Many of them have been beautiful. We have done several parks over, including School Street Park."

He also referenced declining payments from the state. "We used to get a dollar-for-dollar match from the state," said Bitzas. "But now we only get about 27 percent."

Bitzas also pointed out there is currently \$3.2 million in unexpended CPA funds and additional money will be added to the fund before the question could go on the ballot.

Mayor Richard Cohen said Monday he supports the CPA tax as it is at 1 percent and believes it is a benefit for the town, especially because it brings some state money they town would otherwise not be able to secure. He agrees the money is important during a time when other forms of state aid are also drying up.

While supporting it, Cohen said he also supports Bitzas' pursuit of a ballot question.

"I absolutely believe in the democratic process and the people have a right to have their voices heard," said Cohen. "That said, I think if it went on the ballot, the people would vote to keep it."

Bitzas will need to bring the proposal in front of the rest of the City Council in order to get it placed on the November 2017 town ballot. The council would have to give a majority vote favoring its placement on the ballot, something it has yet to do despite several requests over the past 10 years.

"There is not enough time to do it for this year," said Bitzas, referring to the presidential election this November. "I want there to be a chance for it to get out there to the people, have time for a good debate so the people can decide."

Bitzas said the will of the people is important, and he also believes the CPA question should be on the ballot every five years.

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## Tag sale, food pantry outreach at F.H. Congregational church this month

Feeding Hills Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is an open and affirming congregation, which means that the LGBT community is as welcome as the straight community. It is located at 21 N. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills Center, with ample parking behind the building.

Bible Study, led by Jeff Heinze, meets 9-9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Worship begins at 10 a.m. The Rev. Rob Donaldson will offer a children's moment a few minutes into the service, following which children from nursery through grade 6 will move off to childcare under the direction of Crystal Menninga.

This Sunday, Sept. 4, is a Communion Sunday. All are

welcome. David Pitzer is scheduled to serve as lector, the person who reads scripture, and Matt Granger and Evelyn Nodland will welcome worshipers and answer any questions. Jeff and Linda Heinze will provide and serve the elements of Holy Communion. Linda Heinze will host refreshment hour immediately following worship.

Choir, which is a guitar-based group, meets for rehearsal in the sanctuary each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

As part of the church's ministries to the community, it hosts two AA groups, one on Tuesday evenings and another on Thursdays.

On the second Sunday of each month, an offering is featured in support of Parish Cupboard, the food bank

on Main Street in West Springfield. On the third Sunday of each month, following worship, Donaldson and several members go to Parish Cupboard to offer worship and lunch through the Church Without Walls program.

On Sept. 17, the church will host a tag sale. All are welcome.

The church office phone is 413-786-5061 for anyone with questions. The Facebook page can be found at [www.fhccucc.org](http://www.fhccucc.org).

## PAC hosts 'Country Feast'

The Polish American Club of Agawam will host its first "Country Feast" featuring Truck Stop Troubadours starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. The event will include dancing, a 50-50 raffle and a buffet of barbecue chicken, kielbasa, sweet corn, summer squash, roasted potatoes, baked beans, salads and more. There will also be a cash bar.

Tickets are \$20 per person and are available for purchase at the clubhouse bar during business hours or by visiting the Polish Club Facebook page. There will be a limited amount of tickets for sale at the door. This event is open to the public.

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# Mission chaplain to speak at Congregational church

The Missionary Committee of the Agawam Congregational Church at 745 Main St., will host Mission Night at the church on Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in Bryan Hall. The public is invited to coffee and dessert with Elena Huegel.

Huegel is serving a four-year term with the Pentecostal Church of Chile. She has been jointly appointed by the Common Global Ministries Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. She has served as chaplain and consultant for peace and environmental education, trauma healing and community development at the Shalom Center and its international program. Her new assignment will be to the Institute of Study and Intercultural Investigation in Chiapas, Mexico.

Huegel is a teacher, storyteller, poet and artist. As founder and chaplain of the Shalom Center, a peace building, spiritual development, and environmental education camp in central Chile, she uses a variety of imaginative teaching methods to create a context for cultivating resilience, transformation and healing. She has over 20 years of experience as a missionary with Global Ministries of the Christian Church and the United Church of Christ. In her current assignment as cofounder and coordinator of the Roots in the Ruins: Hope in Trauma project, she has written materials and co-facilitated courses and workshops in Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, Bolivia, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Nicaragua. Huegel holds a bachelor of arts degree from Houston Baptist University and a master's in conflict transformation from Eastern Mennonite University.

She is the daughter and granddaughter of Disciples of Christ missionaries in Mexico. Huegel was in 1967 in Houston, Texas, grew up in Mexico City and Guadalajara, and has lived in South America most of her adult life.

The event is free and open to the public. Goodwill monetary donations will be accepted.

# Festa Italia scheduled for Oct. 8

SPRINGFIELD — The Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass. will host “Festa Italia! A Taste of Italy, Food and Wine” Saturday, Oct. 8. Admission to the event is free and tickets for food items will be sold in \$1 increments.

The event celebrates Italian heritage with food, wine and entertainment. Doors will open and serving will begin at 5 p.m.

The ICC is at 56 Margaret St. in Springfield.

# Cecchi’s latest book showcases Big E history

Agawam resident David Cecchi first attended the Eastern States Exposition in September 1964. He doesn’t remember much of that first fair — he was only a few months old — but like many in town, he’s attended faithfully every year since. With his brothers, Bobby and Michael, he’s exhibited vegetables from his family’s farm. He’s watched his sons march in the Big E’s daily parade with the Agawam High School Marching Band. He even took part in the very first Agawam Day celebration at the fair.

Along the way, he’s amassed a collection of exposition-related memorabilia. To commemorate the centennial of this favorite local institution, and his love of it, he wrote a book, “The Big E: Eastern States Exposition,” part of Arcadia Publishing’s Images of America series, which will be released this month. To celebrate, Cecchi is holding a book signing on Monday, Sept. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main St. in Agawam.

The book features nearly 200 images spanning the entire first century of the exposition. The images were selected from the exposition’s archives, which were graciously opened to Cecchi, the author’s own collection, and local residents. The book is a photographic tour from the fair’s inception as host to the 1916 National Dairy Show through recent years. From the early expansion in the 1920s, the Mohawk Indian Village, images of the 1927 and 1936 floods, and program covers throughout the decades, The accompanying text highlights the important role the Big E held in the revitalization and promotion of New England agriculture, and is filled with little-known, newly discovered and interesting information.

Copies of “The Big E: Eastern States Exposition” will be available for purchase, as will copies of Cecchi’s previous books of local interest — “Agawam and Feeding Hills,” “Agawam and Feeding Hills Revisited” and “Riverside Park.”

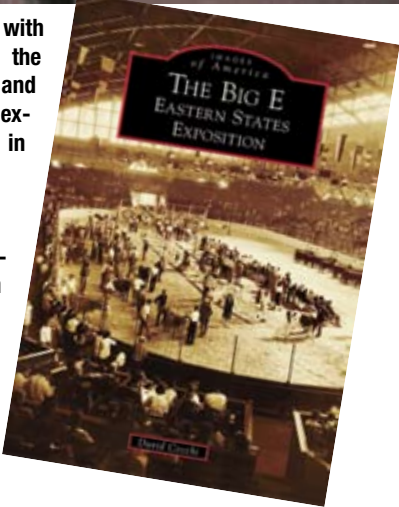
Select items from Cecchi’s Big E collection will also be on display during the book signing; many other items can be seen as part of the Agawam Historical Association’s exhibit, 100 Years of the Eastern States Exposition, open 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum, 35 Elm St.

For more information, contact the author at 413-786-3236 or [cecco@davidcecchi.com](mailto:cecco@davidcecchi.com).

Cecchi is a member of the board of directors of the Agawam Historical Association. He is also principal of the Cecco design office, and president and club historian of the Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts.



David Cecchi stands with memorabilia from the Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum’s exhibit on Big E history in April. FILE PHOTO



Agawam resident David Cecchi will sign copies of his book, “The Big E: Eastern States Exposition,” at an event Sept. 12. SUBMITTED IMAGE

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AGAWAM – After a smooth first few months, the Agawam High School athletic facility project has run into delays and Athletics Director David Stratton announced several of Agawam’s home games will now be played off campus for at least the first three weeks of the season, including volleyball.

Jennifer Bonfiglio, the town’s chief procurement officer, said the project has gone through some weather delays and there was also a delay in the paving of the outside areas where the new artificial turf multi-use field is located.

The concrete base surrounding the field is where a brand new all-weather track will be installed. Agawam has been unable to host track meets for the past few years

due to not having a proper track to compete on for meets.

“The all-weather surface has to be kept off of for 17 days after it has been poured,” said Bonfiglio. “That means the kids cannot even cross it or a tarp to access the playing field.”

Immediately after a meeting with the contractors last Thursday morning, Stratton began taking steps to move games off campus. Thursday was also the first day of practices for fall sports teams.

The football and girls soccer teams were practicing at Agawam Junior High School, the field hockey team is at Shea Park, and boys soccer team is practicing at School Street Park. Because the locker rooms are not ready and there is not a proper space for athletes to go in the high school, the volleyball team was moved to practice at the junior high.

“Because we cannot have

games there, I had to move most of our games to our opponents’ locations,” said Stratton. “In a couple of cases, I tried to move the date of the game, or switch the sites for teams we play in the league.”

School Street Park will be the home site for boys and girls soccer games for the first month of September. The field hockey team

## BOYS SOCCER



### Brownies looking forward to deep roster

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**  
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AGAWAM – The Agawam High School boys soccer team’s success has been rising during the past three years, culminating with the Brownies reaching the Western Massachusetts Division I finals last season.

Though it resulted in a very tough loss in penalty kicks, the Brownies showed great depth and excellent defensive in last year’s playoffs, sticking out a 1-0 win against Westfield in the semifinals, and battling to 100 minutes of scoreless soccer in the finals against Longmeadow.

With that behind them, the Brownies are now looking forward to the 2016 season, with

a number of players returning to the varsity team, but a great selection for coach Tom Smith to round out the rest of his roster.

There are three soccer teams at Agawam High School. There is a varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen team.

But for the first time in years, Smith said he will actually have to cut some players as 75 total players signed up and tried out for soccer during the first few days off practice.

Smith was prepared for the larger turnout when he saw three boys teams playing in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League.

“There is a large freshman

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The Agawam High School boys soccer team had a huge turnout for tryouts last week, with 75 players looking for a spot on one of three rosters. The boys were a Western Mass. finalist last season and start their season next Thursday night. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

## HALL OF FAME

# First team to tie for state title among inaugural hall inductees

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AGAWAM – As the school year begins and new athletic facilities are nearing completion, Agawam High School will do a lot of celebrating of their past athletes, coaches, and teams.

Athletic Director David Stratton said he is really pleased with how diverse the inaugural class of the Agawam High School Athletic Hall of Fame turned out.

“It started out slow, but we ended up with a lot of really good people who met or exceeded our criteria to be considered for the Hall of Fame,” said Stratton. “And there are a lot more athletes that will come in the future.”

He highlighted Debbie Lickley, who was one of the coaches of the Agawam High School softball team. She won several sectional titles and was an outstanding coach. Stratton said current softball coach Kathy Georgina worked under Lickley prior to becoming head coach.

“Kathy worked under her and she went on to win a bunch of titles as well,” said Stratton. “They have really helped Agawam softball be successful.”

Three teams will be inducted, including the 1987 girls soccer team. Stratton said the team was the first ever to play in a state championship game that ended in a tie.

After going an impressive 15-1 in the regular season, the Brownies would run through the gauntlet to the Western Massachusetts Division I championship. Agawam would beat Westfield, Waconah, and final West Springfield to capture the title.

In the state championship game against Marlborough, Agawam went to the limit and beyond. The two teams battled to a 0-0 tie, then continued to battle on for seven overtimes before a tie was declared the teams were named co-champions. There were no penalty kick shootouts back then.

The Brownies would make the

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Sports



**Back in action**

The Agawam High School girls soccer team started out the preseason last Thursday with tryouts held at Agawam Junior High School. Here, hopeful members of the varsity team engage in a scrimmage with one another. Coach Laura Wray-Ramos says numbers are a bit down, but she is returning nine seniors to the team. The girls start the regular season at home next Wednesday afternoon at School Street Park against Southwick. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI





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Sports

Agawam 2016 fall varsity schedule

Cross Country

Tues., Sept. 6	Away	South Hadley	3:30 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 13	Home	Holyoke	4 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 20	Home	West Springfield	3:45 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 27	Away	Belchertown	3:45 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 4	Home	Sci-Tech	3:45 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 11	Away	Gateway	3:45 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 18	Home	East Longmeadow	3:45 p.m.

Field Hockey

Thurs., Sept. 8	Away	Westfield	5:30 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 13	Home	Minnechaug	4 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 15	Home	Amherst	4 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 19	Away	Longmeadow (at Russell Field)	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 21	Home	West Springfield	4 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 23	Home	Holyoke	4:30 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 26	Away	Frontier	3:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 29	Home	Smith Academy	4 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 3	Away	Mohawk	3:30 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 5	Home	Southwick	7 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 10	Home	Tantasqua	12 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 11	Home	South Hadley	4 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 13	Home	Northampton	4 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 17	Away	Agawam	4 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 20	Away	Amherst	3:30 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 24	Away	Mahar	3:30 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 26	Home	Longmeadow	4 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 28	Home	Westfield	4 p.m.

Football

Fri., Sept. 9	Away	East Longmeadow	7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 16	Away	Westfield (at Bullens Field)	7 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 22	Away	Putnam (at Berte Field)	7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 30	Home	Holyoke	7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 7	Home	Minnechaug	7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 14	Home	Chicopee Comp	7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 21	Away	Longmeadow	7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 28	Home	Central	7 p.m.

Fri., <b>Nov. 4</b> /Sat., <b>Nov. 5</b>	TBD	TBD
Fri., <b>Nov. 11</b> /Sat. <b>Nov. 12</b>	TBD	TBD
Thurs., <b>Nov. 24</b> <i>Away</i>	West Springfield	10 a.m.

Golf

Tues., Sept. 6	Home	Longmeadow	3 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 7	Home	Tantasqua	3 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 8	Away	Minnechaug	3 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 12	Away	Taconic	TBD
Tues., Sept. 13	Home	South Hadley	3 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 14	Home	Northampton	3 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 15	Away	Longmeadow	3 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 20	Home	Ludlow	3 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 21	Away	East Longmeadow	3 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 23	Home	Quad Meet	3 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 26	Home	Belchertown	3 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 27	Home	Minnechaug	3 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 28	Away	West Springfield	3 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 3	Away	Central	3 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 4	Away	South Hadley	3 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 5	Home	Westfield	3 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 13	Away	Holyoke	3:30 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 18	Home	East Longmeadow	3 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 19	Away	Amherst	3 p.m.

Gymnastics

Wed., Sept. 28	Away	Minnechaug w/Hampshire	6 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 7	Away	Westfield w/Hampshire	6 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 14	Home	Chicopee Comp, Westfield	6 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 19	Away	Minnechaug	6 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 25	Away	Westfield w/Minnechaug	6 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 27	Home	Chicopee Comp, Hampshire	6 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 2	Away	Western Mass (at Minnechaug)	4 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Thurs., Sept. 8	Away	Ludlow	6 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 12	Home	Longmeadow	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 14	Away	Central	6 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 15	Away	Chicopee Comp	7 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 19	Home	Minnechaug	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 21	Away	West Springfield	7 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 26	Home	Central	4 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 29	Away	Belchertown	4 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 3	Home	Ludlow	6 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 6	Home	Pope Francis	4 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 7	Home	Holyoke	4:30 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 10	Away	Northampton	2 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 14	Away	Pope Francis (at Forest Park)	4 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 17	Home	East Longmeadow	4 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 19	Home	Amherst	6 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 21	Home	Belchertown	5 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 25	Home	West Springfield	6 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 27	Away	Longmeadow (at Russell Field)	8 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Wed., Sept. 7	Home	Southwick	4 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 9	Home	Granby	4 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 13	Away	Westfield	4 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 15	Away	Central	6 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 16	Home	Longmeadow	4 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 20	Home	Chicopee Comp	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 21	Away	Holyoke	7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 23	Home	Northampton	4 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 27	Away	Belchertown	4 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 30	Away	West Springfield	7 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 4	Home	Minnechaug	6 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 7	Away	Ludlow	4:30 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 10	Home	East Longmeadow	4 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 13	Away	Northampton	6 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 17	Away	Chicopee Comp	7 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 19	Away	Longmeadow	6 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 21	Home	West Springfield	7 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 24	Home	Westfield	4 p.m.

Girls Volleyball

Tues., Sept. 6	Away	Ludlow	6 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 8	Away	West Springfield	6:15 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 13	Away	Chicopee Comp	5 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 15	Away	East Longmeadow	5 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 20	Home	Frontier	6 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 22	Away	Longmeadow	6:30 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 26	Away	South Hadley	5 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 28	Home	Minnechaug	6 p.m.
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Fri., Oct. 14	Away	Frontier	6 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 17	Away	Sabis	5 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 18	Away	Minnechaug	5 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 20	Away	Turners Falls	6 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 25	Home	Longmeadow	6 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 28	Home	Amherst	5 p.m.

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# April run-walk to aid historical preservation

The Agawam Historical Association has announced plans for its first benefit 5K run-walk to be held at Agawam's School Street Park on Saturday, April 29. Proceeds from the event will aid in the preservation and display of historic artifacts at the Agawam Historical and Fire House Museum at 35 Elm St., Agawam, and the preservation of the c. 1757 Thomas Smith House at 251 N. West St. in Feeding Hills.

"Dash for the Past" organizer and historical association board member Grace Tilden was inspired by similar events in other communities and felt the format could help raise funds, and awareness, of the association's activities.

"The history of our town is so interesting," said Tilden. "Our hope is that families will become involved in this event and have fun while they support a great cause."

Tilden is appreciative of the support she's received for the event from town officials.

"We are fortunate to be able to hold this run-walk at the School Street Park. It's a great facility, and Parks and Recreation Department Chris Sparks has been very helpful with the planning," she said.

Sponsors are currently being sought, and more details of the event will be announced in the coming months.

The private, nonprofit Agawam Historical Association was founded on Nov.15, 1962. Its stated purpose and objectives are: To encourage an interest in the collection and preservation of historic materials, documents, and landmarks pertaining to the town of Agawam, Massachusetts, so as to be available for the enjoyment of present and future generations; To provide educational opportunities for the dissemination and understanding of facts concerning Agawam's history and the cultivation of civic pride in Agawam's heritage; and, To provide facilities for the proper storage, preservation, and public display of historic artifacts and documents.

To that end, the Agawam Historical Association operates the Agawam Historical and Fire House Museum. Membership and event information can be found at [agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com](http://agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com) or [www.facebook.com/agawamhistoricalassoc](http://www.facebook.com/agawamhistoricalassoc).

# Trading Post to open this month

The Trading Post Consignment Shop at First Baptist Church of Agawam, 760 Main St., will reopen Wednesday, Sept. 7, for take-in sales only.

Opening day for sales will be the following Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday hours, which are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will continue starting Oct. 1.

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# Legals

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div. Probate & Family Court Dept. HD16E0035PP**

To Gail C. Colburn of Agawam, Massachusetts and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by **Norman W Colburn** of Agawam, in the County of Hampden, representing that they hold as tenants in common an undivided part or share of land lying in Agawam, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that he desires that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than One Hundred Fifty-two Thousand One Hundred (\$152,100.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the nineteenth day of September 2016, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ANNE M GEOFFRION, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this eighth day of August, 2016.

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Register of Probate & Family Court  
8/18, 8/25, 9/1/16

**PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL**

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, September 19, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.** at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the Petition of Debra Ann Desmond for a proposed Zone Change Plan for parcels on Main Street, Agawam, MA. (Parcel ID# K4 1 5, K4 1 6 and K4 1 13) The Zone Change request is to allow the entirety of the three (3) parcels to be rezoned to Business A. A copy of the proposed Zone Change can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. in the Agawam City Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. 8/25, 9/1/16

**AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 6:00PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for property located on Route 147 near Springfield Street and Memorial Avenue.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission  
9/1/16

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD16P1269EA Estate of: Donald Omer Rackliffe Date of Death: June 1, 2016 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Scott M Rackliffe** of Feeding Hills MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Scott M Rackliffe** of Feeding Hills MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 9/1/16

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Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

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WORSHIP SERVICES  
Sunday Services, 10 a.m.  
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SUNDAY SERVICES  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School (grades K - 5)  
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Youth Group meets at 11 a.m.  
Coffee & Conversation following worship service

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SUNDAY SERVICES  
Men's & Women's Bible Study Groups and Children's Sunday School Worship Service at 10 a.m. Children's Church for age 3 to high school takes place after the service. Nursery available for younger children. A time for fellowship after the service.

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Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7 p.m.

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Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.  
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saintdavid@comcast.net  
www.stdavidsgawam.org

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES  
Sunday 8 a.m. Rite I and Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m. Rite II and Holy Eucharist  
Sunday school and Nursery during 10 a.m. service  
Coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service  
Handicap Accessible

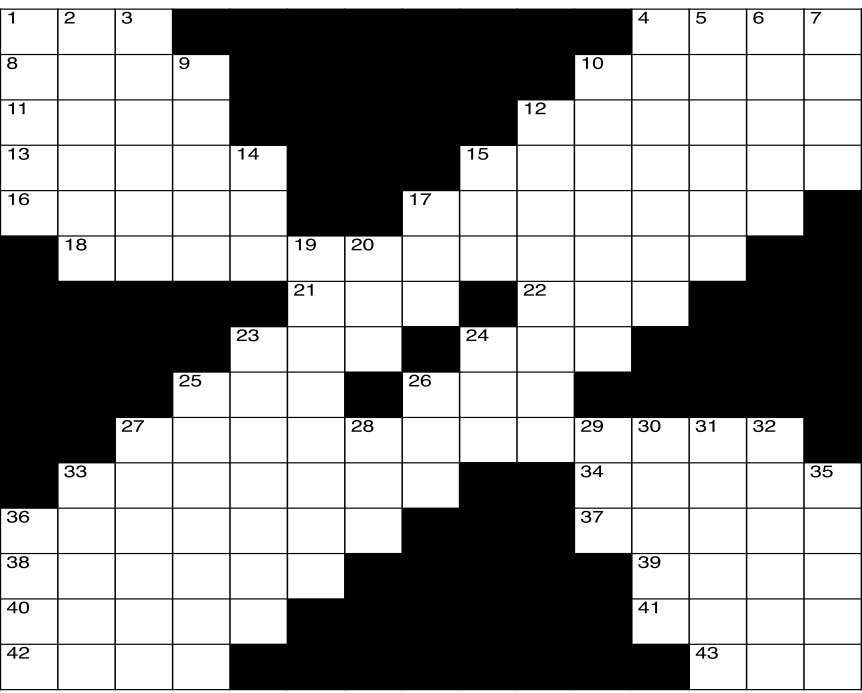
OFFSITE WORSHIP  
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES  
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Sundays: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Weekdays: Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m.  
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**ACROSS**

- 1. Captain Ahab sailed this
- 4. Rugged rock or cliff
- 8. Statistical test
- 10. Wall angle
- 11. Irish river
- 12. Winged nut
- 13. Japanese animation
- 15. More flexible
- 16. Military slang
- 17. Strangle
- 18. 'Taxi Driver' star
- 21. Go quickly
- 22. Part of a play
- 23. European Economic Community
- 24. Woman (French)

25. Thai river

- 26. Golfers start here
- 27. Disgruntled
- 33. In an implied way
- 34. Actors appear in them
- 36. Hide
- 37. Small Italian village
- 38. Tropical grasshopper
- 39. Ladd is one
- 40. Clumsy
- 41. Scottish tax
- 42. Footballers wear them
- 43. Pigpen

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Curse
- 2. Brings home the bacon
- 3. Iron alloys

4. Conduct oneself

- 5. Commercial center of Venice
- 6. Share an opinion
- 7. Growl
- 9. British soldiers' post-WWII clothes
- 10. Impulse
- 12. Last names
- 14. Midway between northeast and east
- 15. Car mechanics group
- 17. Ethiopian airport
- 19. Electrical instrument
- 20. Twitch

23. Not the hardest

- 24. Chinese dinosaur genus
- 25. Reflexes
- 26. Thick target yield
- 27. Cut a rug
- 28. Complete
- 29. Feet per second
- 30. Intestinal
- 31. Don Henley's band
- 32. A hereditary ruler
- 33. Member of the mahogany family
- 35. Attractive and healthy (Scot.)
- 36. Holds necktie in place

  
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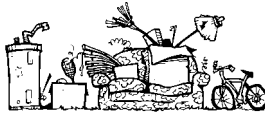


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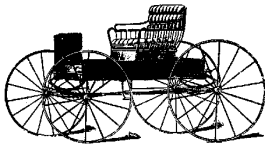
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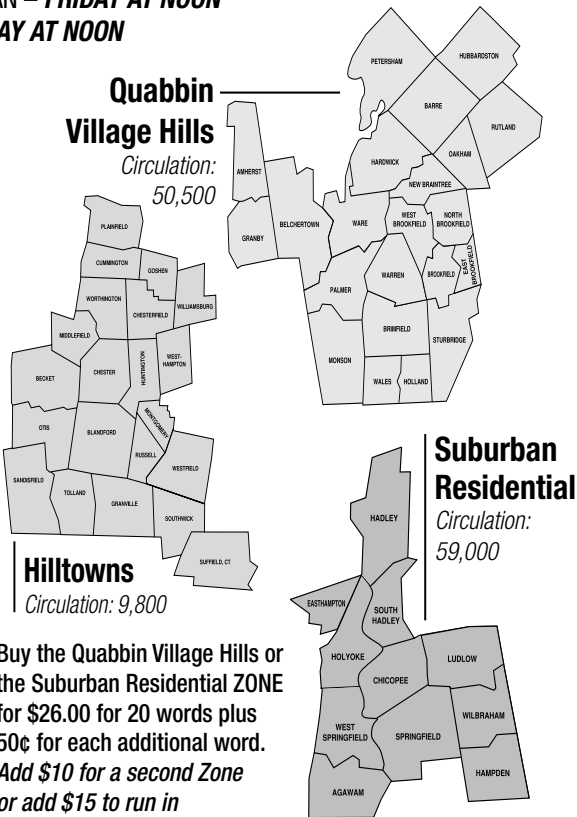
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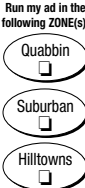
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**Friday, Sept. 2**

THE MOVIE "MINIONS" will be shown at 8:15 p.m. on a giant, inflatable 40-foot screen at School Street Park in Agawam. Popcorn and refreshments will be available.

**Wednesday, Sept. 7**

THE WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGY SOCIETY will meet at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., from 6-8 p.m. Guest speaker will be Seema Kenney. Membership is available for \$25 per year.

**Thursday, Sept. 8**

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "LIFE in the Art World: LIFE Magazine and Modern American Art" featuring Melissa Renn, Ph.D, author, Harvard Business School, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

**Friday, Sept. 9**

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL'S APPLAUSE SERIES begins its 13th season with the live-action radio drama, "Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Speckled Band" at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. It is free and open to the public.

**Saturday, Sept. 10**

THE POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF AGAWAM "Country Feast" featuring Truck Stop Troubadours starts at 5 p.m. Dancing, a 50-50 raffle, a buffet and cash bar. Tickets, \$20 per person, available at the clubhouse bar during business hours, and on its Facebook page. Limited amount for sale at the door.

**Sunday, Sept. 11**

A SEPT. 11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY will take place at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Agawam Fire Department Headquarters at 800 Main St.

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL AND FIREHOUSE MUSEUM at 35 Elm St. will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. and will feature a special exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Eastern States Exhibition. For more information, visit [www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com](http://www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com) or follow it on Facebook.

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-789-2061.

**Monday, Sept. 12**

A BOOK SIGNING BY AGAWAM RESIDENT DAVID CECCHI will take place from 6-8 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam. Copies of his latest book, "The Big E: Eastern States Exposition" will be available for purchase.

**Wednesday, Sept. 14**

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

**Thursday, Sept. 15**

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "The Art of Illustrated Maps" featuring John Roman, author, assistant professor, Mass. College of Art and Design, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

**Tuesday, Sept. 20**

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will meet at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public. This all-volunteer organization, appointed by the mayor and funded, in part, by the Mass. Cultural Council, is looking for new members

**Wednesday, Sept. 21**

THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE OF THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH at 745 Main St., will host Mission Night at the church at 7 p.m. in Bryan Hall. The public is invited to coffee and dessert with Elena Huegel.

**Thursday, Sept. 22**

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Pen to Paper" featuring Mary Savig, curator of manuscripts at the Smithsonian's Archives of American Art, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

**Sunday, Sept. 25**

SACRED AMERICAN MUSIC, 1816-2016, community concert at 2 p.m. at Copper Hill United Methodist Church, 27 Copper Hill Road, E. Granby, Conn.

**Thursday, Sept. 29**

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "When the Road Came Through: How the Construction of Interstate 91 Changed Western Mass." featuring Barry Dietz, local historian, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

**Saturday, Oct. 8**

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**ONGOING**

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MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A roundtable discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at [rosemarysandlin@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarysandlin@gmail.com)

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needleworkers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

## Agawam Senior Center

**Lunch Menu**

**Monday, Sept. 5:** Labor Day. Senior Center closed.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 6:** Chicken stir fry, stir fry vegetables, brown rice, birthday cake.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 7:** Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, cornbread, plums.  
**Thursday, Sept. 8:** Shepherd's pie, broccoli salad, Jell-O.  
**Friday, Sept. 9:** Chicken nuggets, rice and beans, Caesar salad, mixed fruit.

**Calendar of Events**

**Monday, Sept. 5:** Labor Day. Senior Center closed.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 6:** S.H.I.N.E. representative available (by appt.); 9 a.m., knitting class, sewing class begins; noon, ladies only billiards; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("Eddie the Eagle"); 1 p.m.,

Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance.

**Wednesday, Sept. 7:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 10 a.m., Friends meeting; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., ballroom lessons, scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

**Thursday, Sept. 8:** 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch; 6:30 p.m., evening pitch, evening line dancing.

**Friday, Sept. 9:** 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 4 p.m., poker; 7 p.m., free Applause Series ("Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Speckled Band").

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# Making room for students



Sarah Hopson, the K-4 math coach for Agawam schools, has been organizing and counting new math books that are being distributed to all the elementary classrooms. Here she's working on the books for teachers at Phelps School.



Among the preparations Karen Iellamo made in her classroom at Clark School was creating a bulletin board for her third grade students.



Fifth grade teacher Sue Smith organizes problem-solving mats students will use in a new math program that integrates math with other subjects.



Christy Meagher carefully cuts out decorations to put on the bulletin board in her third grade classroom at Clark School.



Sharon Mitchell, left, a third grade teacher at Granger School, and Denise Einzig, her teaching assistant, were working hard to get their classroom ready to welcome their students.



Karen Matthes gets new textbooks and other materials ready for the opening day of school for her class of third graders at Clark School.



Stacey Ann Morse, who teaches vocational academic programs to seventh and seventh graders at Agawam Junior High School, unpacks equipment students will use in her classroom.



Agawam High School English teacher Kelly Hawkins updates her class policy for freshmen, juniors, and seniors she will be teaching this year. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK



Former Springfield teacher Emily Gagnon is new to Agawam this year and will teach third grade at Clark School. She's organizing materials for the math centers in her classroom.





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- What kinds of services can you provide for Dad?
- What about Medicare/MassHealth? Do they pay for Assisted Living?
- My Dad is a Veteran, or my Mom is a surviving spouse of a veteran.
- Are there extra benefits for them in Assisted Living?

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